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To: CEO Sunshine Coast Regional Council - John Baker

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Dear John

**RE: OSCAR REQUEST FOR MEETING OF THE OSCAR EXECUTIVE WITH THE CEO and an INVITATION TO THE CEO TO MEET WITH OSCAR MEMBERS AT THE OSCAR GENERAL MEETING ON THURSDAY 23 APRIL AT NORTSHORE COMMUNITY CENTRE DAVID LOW WAY MUDJIMBA.**

The Sunshine Coast Association of Residents Inc. (OSCAR) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit peak body/umbrella group representing resident and community organisations across the Sunshine Coast and Noosa Local Government Areas in South East Queensland.

OSCAR currently comprises 36 member groups spanning from Pumicestone Passage to Noosa and from the Coast to the Hinterland and Ranges. Collectively, these organisations represent several thousand engaged, community-minded residents who are deeply committed to protecting the environmental, cultural and social values of our region.

OSCAR's overarching Vision states:

*"The residents of this region enjoy being part of a connected and engaged community living in an area of outstanding natural beauty. They recognise that they are custodians of the unique and abundant biodiversity, beaches and green spaces of the region."*

OSCAR aims to support member organisations by:

- 1 Advocating to local and state government and the public on policy issues that are of regional significance and of concern to our members;
- 2 Acting to resolve issues of strategic or region-wide relevance that are referred by member organisations;
- 3 Representing the member organisations on region-wide matters of interest to the community;
- 4 Maintaining awareness and responsiveness through frequent and regular ordinary meetings and dialogue with member organisations; and
- 5 Practising professional, honest and ethical conduct.

The 2025 AGM (held in January 2026) saw the following members elected to the Executive:

Position	Name	Group represented
President	Melva Hobson PSM	Marcoola Community Group
Vice president	Graham Reid Renay Wells	Peregian Family and Friends Association (PFFA) Take Action Pumicestone Passage (TAPP)
Secretary	Tony Philbrick Jennifer Curry	Both Associate members appointed by the membership
Treasurer	Reg Brine	Pacific Paradise Progress Association (PPPA)
Member Liaison	Kathryn O'Donnell	Mudjimba Residents Association (MRA)
Executive member	Greg Smith	Sunshine Coast Access Advisory Network (SCAAN)
Project officer	Mark Evans	Associate Member

OSCAR as an organisation has not had an opportunity meet and welcome you to the Sunshine Coast and hear about your hopes for the Sunshine Coast.

For the last 5 years the OSCAR executive has met 3 times a year with the CEO and Debra Robinson, to have a conversation relating to opportunities for working in support of Council and also raising any issues of concern to the residents of the Sunshine Coast. We have been actively involved in the past and are currently acting as Co-respondents in the Planning and Environment Court in support of Council's Development application refusal in the Parklakes 3 P&E Court case.

Both OSCAR as an organisation and our member groups have been and are active on a number of current formalised Council Reference groups. OSCAR as an organisation has representatives on the following groups: New PS Community Reference Group (CRG), the Biosphere Community Advisory Group (CAG) and the Transport CRG (which has not met since the 2024 LG elections).

We are a Not-for-profit group and our work is undertaken on a voluntary basis, with our only income being from membership fees of \$60 per group per annum which covers essential communication tools and insurance.

We would like to hear and understand your views on where and how the Sunshine Coast will/should/might change in the coming years and what Council's responses might be.

We are aware that there has been a total restructure of the Council organisation over the last twelve months and would like to understand the changes made and whether there are changes in the way we communicate and work with Council.

Effective, inclusive and meaningful community engagement is critical in working with Local Government. We hope that we can continue a positive engagement with Council.

We look forward to regular meetings with you over this and future terms of Council.

OSCAR member groups representatives are also seeking to hear from you and they invite you to our April meeting at Northshore Community Centre on 23 April 2026. Following our February General Meeting our meeting times have been brought forward one hour in order to support our hinterland and members travelling from southern areas of the LGA. Our general meetings are held monthly and now at 6.00pm. Our meetings alternate between Zoom and face-to-face with the April meeting being face-to-face. If 6.00 pm is too early we are happy for you to join us at 7.00pm and we will conduct part of General Meeting prior to you attendance.

Our members are particularly interested in your interest and previous involvement in Community Engagement. As indicated above OSCAR has played a key role and been very active in the community engagement scene and look forward to hearing about the community panel model you have introduced to the Sunshine Coast.

We look forward to meeting you with our executive and then the member representatives as a whole.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melva E Hobson".

Melva Hobson PSM  
President OSCAR

Organisation Sunshine Coast Association of Residents Inc.